[47] mills and 80 smaller mills scattered over the 256 island. Their combined productive capacity is 433 reported to be approximately 1,227 metric tons a day. If the mills were in operation only 250 days a year, their total capacity would be some 306,750 metric tons a year, far exceeding the estimated annual consumption requirement of 108,000 metric tons. The annual consumption requirement may have increased as the population increased in the past two years. The production goal for 1955 was set at 160,000 metric tons of flour, to be processed from 208,000 metric tons of imported wheat in addition to 8,000 metric tons of domestic wheat.

It should be noted that Formosa's production of flour is vitally dependent upon the importation of wheat. Delay or discontinuation of import would immediately affect local markets.

D. The Production of Edible Oil

388 Peanut oil and soybean oil are the most im-
452 portant types of edible oil produced in Formosa. The oils are used in domestic cooking. What remains after the oil has been extracted is used to feed animals or as fertilizer. Although enough peanuts are produced to meet domestic requirements, about one-third of the soybeans needed are imported. Approximately 500 producers of edible oil were reported in 1954. Most use cottage-type pressing mills, operated by human and animal labor. There are only 24 modern oil-pressing mills on the island. The production of peanut oil, peanut cake, soybean oil, and soybean cake is

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shown in the following table:

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PRODUCTION OF EDIBLE OIL */
(in metric tons)

	Peanut oil	Peanut cake	Soybean oil	Soybean cake
1938	3,007	4,511	2,043	19,508
1939	2,525	3,788	2,410	19,520
1952	5,112	7,846	4,980	43,835
1953	5,900	8,850	9,339	68,506
1954	5,360	8,040	7,101	51,964

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OTHER CHEMICAL PRODUCTS */

	Unit	1953	1954
Alcohol			
DDT (100 per cent)	(kiloliter)	25,262	14,708
Camphor	(kilogram)	117,572	446,026
Soap	(kilogram)	263,906	181,043
Paint	(metric ton)	17,106	18,076
Printing Ink	(metric ton)	1,992	2,530
Active Carbon	(kilogram)	150,694	151,715
Matches	(1,200 boxes)	222,577	215,945
Toothpaste (tube)	(gross)	22,767	31,574

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